

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-7 remain pending in the present application. The Examiner has withdrawn Claims 2-4. Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

The undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Dabney for the courtesies extended to him during the personal interview on October 18, 2006. At the interview, an agreement was reached. The Examiner conceded that by amending Claims 1 and 6 to further define that the piezo-electric plate was radially divided by lines radiating from substantially the center of the piezo-electric member would define over the art of record.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Applicant has amended Claim 6 and 7 in an attempt to overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

Accordingly, Applicant believes the claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the same.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) alleging them to be unpatentable over Azima (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,038) in view of Bank (U.S. Patent No. 6,795,561).

As was pointed out at the interview and conceded by the Examiner, above Claims 1 and 6 overcome the Examiner's combination. Accordingly, independent

Claims 1 and 6, as well as their dependent Claims 5 and 7 are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reinstate withdrawn Claims 2-4.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at her earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, she should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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